

RESPONSE TO EX PARTE QUAYLE ACTION
U.S. Appln. No. 10/687,920

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 have been examined and have been allowed. However, the Examiner has objected to the figures because the specification allegedly does not mention various reference designations contained in the figures.

With respect to reference designations 11, 80, 81, 83, and F, Applicants have deleted these designations from Fig. 1. Also, Applicants submit that the specification mentions reference designation 21c (at page 17, line 16), designation 22d (at page 17, line 19), and designation 22c4' (at page 17, line 5).

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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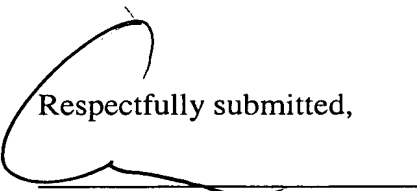
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace Fig. 1 with the attached Replacement Sheet in which reference designations 11, 80, 81, 83, and F have been deleted. An annotated sheet showing the deletions is also enclosed.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet(s)
 Replacement Sheet(s)

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FIG. 1

